

## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

## The TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

invites qualified candidates to apply for the following position STATE FORESTER-ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Salary Range Minimum: \$93,228

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

**Executive Appointment** 

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is seeking to fill the State Forester position. The successful candidate will serve as an Assistant Commissioner and function as a member of the Commissioner's leadership team. The State Forester has statewide responsibility for successful delivery of programs and services provided by the division. The State Forester is responsible for the division's \$30-plus million annual budget including 481 full-time and seasonal employees and the management of 170,000 acres of public lands across 15 state forests.

<u>Duties and Responsibilities</u>: Serves at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Under the general supervision of the Deputy Commissioner and in coordination with the Tennessee Forestry Commission, directs and implements all forestry programs to effectively, efficiently and responsibly utilize the state's forests and forest products while conserving these natural resources. Directs the development and administration of policy and procedures for forest management, protection (wildland fire, insects and diseases) and reforestation. Reviews and makes decisions on employment and other personnel actions. Reviews and approves annual work plans and sets priorities for the next fiscal year. Develops annual budget based on work plans and pertinent information furnished by subordinates. Reviews, evaluates and modifies forestry programs to insure that set goals and objectives are reached. Provides leadership through the clear and accurate communication with employees, policymakers, partner agencies, media and other key stakeholders.

<u>Minimum Qualifications</u>: A bachelor's degree in forestry from an institution accredited by the Society of American Foresters and a minimum of five (5) years full-time experience in the management of state, federal or private forests. Experience in field or administrative forestry including fire management and incident command, forest management, long range planning, budget administration, personnel management and public relations is desired.

<u>To apply</u>: Send a cover letter and resume by mail to Tom Womack, Deputy Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 40627, Nashville TN 37204 or email <u>Tom.Womack@TN.gov</u>. Resumes will be accepted until <u>June 1, 2018</u>.

For more information: Call 615-837-5103 or www.tn.gov/agriculture/

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